

The following changes have been made to the Nebraska birth and fetal death certificates for 2014. The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) requested that we make these changes so that our certificates are in compliance with the national standard certificate. The statistical data that we submit to NCHS is part of the national data set.

CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

37. CIGARETTE SMOKING BEFORE AND DURING--Third Trimester of Pregnancy  
(changed from Last Trimester)

39. RISK FACTORS IN THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply): (sections were expanded into separate categories)

Gestational (Diagnosis in this pregnancy)

Hypertension

- ☐ Pre-pregnancy (Chronic)
- ☐ Gestational (PIH, pre-eclampsia)
- ☐ Eclampsia

☐ Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment: If yes, check all that apply: (sections expanded to include types of treatments)

- ☐ Fertility-enhancing drugs, Artificial insemination or Intrauterine insemination
- ☐ Assisted reproductive technology e.g. in vitro fertilization (IVF), gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT)

56. IS INFANT BEING BREAST FED AT DISCHARGE? (changed from Is Infant Being Breast Fed)

☐ YES ☐ NO

CERTIFICATE OF FETAL DEATH

31. CIGARETTE SMOKING BEFORE AND DURING--Third Trimester of Pregnancy  
(changed from Last Trimester)

35. RISK FACTORS IN THIS PREGNANCY (Check all that apply): (sections were expanded into separate categories)

Gestational (Diagnosis in this pregnancy)

Hypertension

- ☐ Pre-pregnancy (Chronic)
- ☐ Gestational (PIH, preeclampsia)
- ☐ Eclampsia

☐ Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment: If yes, check all that apply: (sections expanded to include types of treatments)

- ☐ Fertility-enhancing drugs, Artificial Insemination or Intra-Uterine Insemination
- ☐ Assisted reproductive technology e.g. In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF), Gamete Intra-Fallopian Transfer (GIFT)

A new software release that includes these changes to the birth system is scheduled for the evening of December 30<sup>th</sup>. Changes have been made to the screens, the informant verification form, and to the worksheets. If you would like to print the updated worksheets out in advance, they have also been included on the subscription page. We are requiring that the expanded fields be included beginning with the 2014 births. As you finish the 2013 births, the expanded fields will be optional and the edit for the expanded fertility question may be overridden.

Please remember it is important to finish processing the 2013 births so that parents can receive social security cards to file their 2013 taxes.